

HUG A TREE

(Bite Avoidance Technique)

TOP Dogs teaches children how to “hug a tree” when confronted by an unknown, overly friendly or hostile dog.

“Follow these steps to avoid a dog bite.”



STEP 1

Stand still and quiet, like a tree.



STEP 2

Fold your branches. Cross your arms over your chest.



STEP 3

Look at your roots, and NOT at the dog.

Why does it work?

Dogs are *stimulated by movement and noise*, and children can be quite noisy and active. A dog will find the “tree” boring; will just sniff at the “tree” and go away.

{ NEVER LEAVE A SMALL CHILD AND A DOG ALONE TOGETHER, EVEN IF IT IS THE FAMILY DOG. }

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